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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: Chief, Mail and Courier Section

SUBJECT: Information concerning mail sacks and NIS materials

1. During the past two weeks the CIA couriers have been urging the IAC agencies to return the CIA mail sacks to this Agency. Most of these mail sacks are filled with NIS and gazetteer materials. On last Friday (20 January) there was a good deal of doubt as to whether Services would have enough sacks to issue the latest NIS chapters. However, a last minute effort by D/NIS and the couriers rounded up sufficient empty sacks.

2. It has been found at this time that some of sacks which had been sent to the Army were returned by the Army to Surplus Properties of the Army instead of to CIA. There were about twenty of these sacks and a good deal of time was wasted by both couriers and Services in order to locate them and get them back.

3. It has been found that the Navy is holding approximately seventy sacks which are all filled. Last week one of the men at the receiving point of the Navy asked the CIA courier if CIA wouldn't please indicate on the outside of each sack its content so that the sacks would not have to be opened and could be put on shelves. This is a clear indication that the Navy does not anticipate emptying the CIA sacks upon delivery but rather would prefer to use them for storage purposes. On checking with the Navy, I found out that included in the above seventy sacks were ten sacks of NIS material which the Navy said it did not want, and which it desired to return to CIA.

4. On following this point further, I talked to Lt. Burton, Ext. 75891. He told me that the Navy wanted to cut its requirements for NIS material and that Comdr. Nutt (?) was over discussing that matter with D/NIS at that very time. He also said that Comdr. Nutt was discussing the disposition of ten mail sacks of NIS material.

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